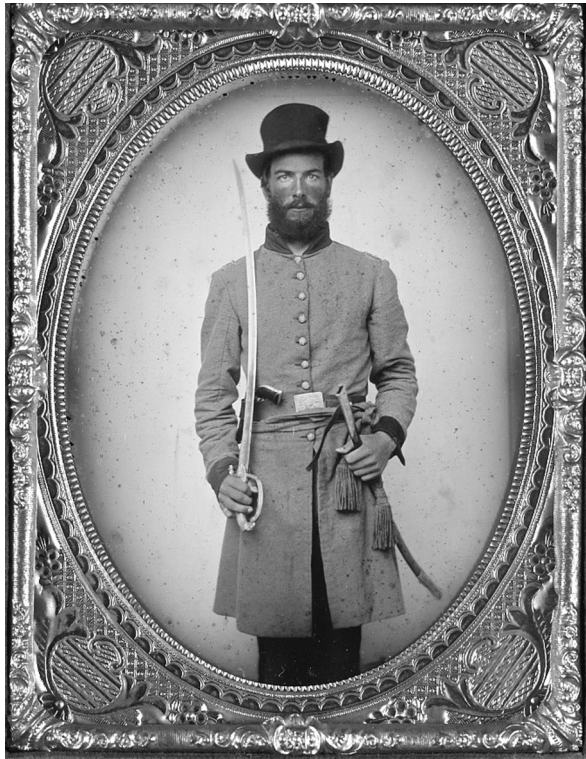


# Jackson County Historical Society News

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*Captain Augustus C. Thompson, Co. G, 16th Georgia*

Laura Elliott will present a program on Sunday, January 17, 2016, at 2:30 p.m., at the Historic Jackson County Courthouse, 85 Washington Street, Jefferson, GA 30549, on the 16th Georgia Infantry Regiment. This was one of the most distinguished Georgia regiment of the Civil War, organized from Madison, Elbert, Gwinnett, Habersham, Jackson and Hart counties. Also present will be Mark Pentecost dressed in the uniform of the regiment and he will have pieces of gear to show and demonstrate.

The Historical Society's collection in the Heritage Room of the Commerce Public Library contains research books on North Georgia counties, the Carolinas, Alabama, Virginia, and various other states. Surname books, family files, Wills, Bible records, court records, deed records, cemetery records, obituaries, church histories, community histories, soldier records and published books on Georgia counties.

A new microfilm scanner is available for the census, newspapers, Confederate pension records and various films. It has the capabilities to send images as an e-mail and copy to a flash drive.

An index of the collection and past newsletters from 1997-2015 can be viewed and the newsletters text is searchable on the library website:

<http://prlib.org/our-libraries/commerce-public-library/>

*The Heritage Room at the Commerce Public Library*

1344 South Broad Street, Commerce, GA 30529

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 10 am - 6 pm

Thursday 10:00 am - 8:00 pm

Friday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Saturday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

[www.facebook.com/jacksoncountyhistoricalsocietyofga](http://www.facebook.com/jacksoncountyhistoricalsocietyofga)

*The Jackson County Archives is located in the Historic Courthouse. Tax digest, civil docket, superior court, mortgage records photographs and family files can be viewed with assistance of volunteers. Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri 10-3 or call 706-387-7684 for an appointment*

## Augustus Columbus Thompson

Augustus Columbus Thompson was born on January 16, 1828 in Jackson County, GA. He was the first child of William Sherrod Thompson and Eliza Shelton Bailey Thompson and the grandson of Revolutionary soldier, Sherrod Thompson from Pittsylvania County, VA. Augustus Thompson married Mary Arline Randolph December 1, 1850 in Jackson County, GA. She was the daughter of Joshua Hammond Randolph and Nancy Oliver Randolph.

A. C. Thompson held the office of Postmaster in Jefferson, Jackson County from October 28, 1851 to November 1856, appointed Justice of the Peace in 1853, Tax Collector in 1854-1855, member of Unity Lodge No 36, Grand Lodge of Georgia, Jefferson, GA in 1854 holding the office of S. D. and Ordinary 1860-1861. He was employed as a Clerk in 1860 in Jefferson.

Georgia seceded from the union on January 19, 1861 and Thompson enlisted July 1, 1861 as a Captain in Company G, 16th Regiment, Georgia Infantry. The unit was sent to Virginia and assigned to General H. Cobb's, T.R.R. Cobb's, Wofford's and Dubose's Brigade. Thompson was shot through is left hip during the Crampton's Gap, Maryland attack, September 18, 1862. The surgeon removed the minnie ball that was lodged in his left groin. He went home to recover.

In 1870, Thompson was a farmer in Chandlers District, Jackson County, GA. He served as a trustee for Ebenezer Methodist Church 1875-1877.

About 1881, the Thompson's moved to Lakeland, FL. On February 1, 1882, Thompson was employed to take charge of a Polk County's first Poor Farm. He continued in this position for ten years.

On July 6, 1903, Thompson, filed a Soldier's Application for Pension stating that the injury he received during the war "has always given me trouble, which grows more painful and annoying as old age advances." F. M. Bailey, and E. M. Thompson stated that they were in the same unit and were with Thompson during the war. His claim was approved at the rate of \$96. per annum.

On August 9, 1905, Thompson passed away in Lakeland FL. Mary passed away on March 23, 1906 and is laid to rest beside her husband in Lakeview Cemetery.

Jackson County Historical Society dues run from September to September and can be mailed to:

Jackson County Historical Society  
P. O. Box 1234, Commerce, GA 30529:  
Individual -\$15, Family -\$25, LIFE members -\$100

## Sale items supporting the Jackson County Historical Society and Archives

"Jackson Co. Superior Court Conveyances 1802-1803"-\$25.

"1890 Jackson Co. Line Map" towns & homeplaces -\$5.

"Civilian Conservation Core: Depression to WWII" \$10.

Courthouse print 8x10 - \$20

Personalized Brick - \$50.

"Portraits of a Southern Place" - \$25.00. 257 early Jackson County photographs covering 100 years of history. Includes an index, organized by surnames, to benefit genealogy researchers. This is a reprint in paperback of our 2007 hardback publication. Available at the Commerce, Jefferson and Talmo Public Libraries and the Jackson County Historic Archives.

